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WSP Colville Detachment on DUI patrol

The Colville Detachment of Washington State Patrol Troopers arrested 17 drivers for driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol last month. So far this year troopers have removed 28 impaired drivers from northeast Washington roadways. Last year at this time, Colville troopers had arrested 20 drivers for driving under the influence.

Trooper Mark Hyer led the detachment with six DUI arrests in February 2006. Trooper Dave Karre was close behind with five arrests. Trooper John Smith had three DUI arrests. Trooper Smith's arrests came while he was assigned to the day shift. Republic Trooper AJ Haddenham had two arrests, while Trooper Paul Cagle had one DUI arrest in February.

"I am very proud of the Colville Detachment for all of their hard working in keeping the area roadways safe for all the citizens of Washington State," said WSP District Commander Captain Jeff Otis. "Our mission is to strictly enforce the DUI laws to help prevent DUI related collisions from occurring on the highways," said Captain Otis.

Troopers will continue throughout the year to focus on removing impaired drivers from area roadways. Drivers are reminded to plan ahead and use a designated driver. There will be zero tolerance for anyone found driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

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